

In this electronic media age, broadcast information has the power to inform -- or disinform -- the vast majority of our citizens. Since broadcasters are using our resource, the public airwaves, as their distribution channel, it is incumbent upon them to serve the public interest. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air a highly biased (in this case, an anti-Kerry) documentary days before the election is a clear example of a large company placing their own corporate interest ahead of ours, as citizens. You could not ask for a clearer example of the danger of media consolidation.

THIS IS NOT A PARTISAN ISSUE. This is about forces that will shape our democratic process just as surely as military tyranny was able to do in the past.

Please preserve our public airwaves as a powerful resource for informing and serving our communities -- don't condemn us to a virulent form of electronic Yellow Journalism without recourse.

Thank you.

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